

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 24-cr-80070-Rosenberg/Reinhart

21 U.S.C. § 846

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)

18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1)

21 U.S.C. § 853

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

ANWAR HAZZI  
and DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER,

Defendants.

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**May 30, 2024**

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INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

From in or around June 2023, the exact date being unknown to the Grand Jury, and continuing through on or about May 15, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants,

ANWAR HAZZI  
and  
DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER,

did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with each other, and with other persons unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute, and possess with intent to distribute, a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

With respect to the defendants, **ANWAR HAZZI** and **DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER**, it is further alleged that the controlled substances involved in the conspiracy attributed to each defendant, as a result of that defendant's own conduct and the conduct of other conspirators reasonably foreseeable to that defendant, was 40 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B)(vi).

With respect to the defendants, **ANWAR HAZZI** and **DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER**, it is further alleged that the controlled substances involved in the conspiracy attributed to each defendant, as a result of that defendant's own conduct and the conduct of other conspirators reasonably foreseeable to that defendant, was 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A)(vii).

**COUNT 2**

On or about January 31, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendants,

**ANWAR HAZZI**  
**and**  
**DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER,**

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B)(viii), it is further alleged that this violation involved 50 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers.

**COUNT 3**

On or about February 13, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida,  
the defendants,

**ANWAR HAZZI**  
and  
**DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER,**

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B)(viii), it is further alleged that this violation involved 50 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers.

**COUNT 4**

On or about March 20, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, the  
defendants,

**ANWAR HAZZI**  
and  
**DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER,**

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C), it is further alleged that this violation involved a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl.



**COUNT 5**

On or about March 22, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendants,

**ANWAR HAZZI**  
and  
**DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER,**

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C), it is further alleged that this violation involved a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl.

**COUNT 6**

On or about April 4, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendants,

**ANWAR HAZZI**  
and  
**DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER,**

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C), it is further alleged that this violation involved a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl.

**COUNT 7**

On or about May 1, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendants,

**ANWAR HAZZI**  
and  
**DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER,**

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United

States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B)(vi), it is further alleged that this violation involved 40 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A)(viii), it is further alleged that this violation involved 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers.

**COUNT 8**

On or about May 15, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendants,

**ANWAR HAZZI**  
and  
**DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER,**

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B)(vi), it is further alleged that this violation involved 40 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A)(viii), it is further alleged that this violation involved 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers.

**COUNT 9**

On or about May 15, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendants,

**ANWAR HAZZI**  
and  
**DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER,**

did knowingly possess a firearm in furtherance of, and knowingly carry a firearm during and in relation to, a drug trafficking crime, a felony offense for which the defendant may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846 and 841(a)(1), as charged in Count 1 and Count 8 of this Indictment, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i).

It is further alleged that said firearm was a Glock semi-automatic pistol.

**COUNT 10**

On or about May 15, 2024, in Miami-Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendant,

**DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER,**

did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B)(ii), it is further alleged that this violation involved 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B)(viii), it is further alleged that this violation involved 50 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers.



**COUNT 11**

On or about May 15, 2024, in Miami-Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendant,

**DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER,**

did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B)(ii), it is further alleged that this violation involved 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine.

**COUNT 12**

On or about May 15, 2024, in Miami-Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendant,

**DARREN MICHAEL STIEHLER,**

did knowingly possess a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, a felony offense for which the defendant may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), as charged in Count 6 of this Indictment, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i).

It is further alleged that this offense involved a Zastava Arms semi-automatic rifle.

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS**

1. The allegations of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and by this reference fully incorporated herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America of certain property in which the defendants, **ANWAR HAZZI** and **MICHAEL DARREN STIEHLER**, have an interest.


2. Upon conviction of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c), or any other criminal law of the United States, as alleged in this Indictment, the defendants shall forfeit to the United States any firearm and ammunition involved in or used in the commission of such offense, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1).

3. Upon conviction of a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and/or 841, as alleged in this Indictment, the defendants shall forfeit to the United States any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of such offense, and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such offense, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1) and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, and the procedures set forth at Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

A TRUE BILL

FOREPERSON

  
MARKENZY LAPOINTE  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

  
BRIAN RALSTON  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY



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**CERTIFICATE OF TRIAL ATTORNEY****Superseding Case Information:**

New Defendant(s) (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of New Defendants \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of new counts \_\_\_\_\_

I do hereby certify that:

1. I have carefully considered the allegations of the indictment, the number of defendants, the number of probable witnesses and the legal complexities of the Indictment/Information attached hereto.
2. I am aware that the information supplied on this statement will be relied upon by the Judges of this Court in setting their calendars and scheduling criminal trials under the mandate of the Speedy Trial Act, Title 28 U.S.C. §3161.
3. Interpreter: (Yes or No) No  
List language and/or dialect: \_\_\_\_\_
4. This case will take 4 days for the parties to try.
5. Please check appropriate category and type of offense listed below:  

(Check only one)	(Check only one)
I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 to 5 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Petty
II <input type="checkbox"/> 6 to 10 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor
III <input type="checkbox"/> 11 to 20 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor
IV <input type="checkbox"/> 21 to 60 days	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felony
V <input type="checkbox"/> 61 days and over	
6. Has this case been previously filed in this District Court? (Yes or No) No  
If yes, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Has a complaint been filed in this matter? (Yes or No) Yes  
If yes, Magistrate Case No. 24-8226-BER (Hazzi)
8. Does this case relate to a previously filed matter in this District Court? (Yes or No) No  
If yes, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Defendant(s) in federal custody as of \_\_\_\_\_
10. Defendant(s) in state custody as of \_\_\_\_\_
11. Rule 20 from the \_\_\_\_\_ District of \_\_\_\_\_
12. Is this a potential death penalty case? (Yes or No) No
13. Does this case originate from a matter pending in the Northern Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior to August 8, 2014 (Mag. Judge Shaniek Maynard? (Yes or No) No
14. Does this case originate from a matter pending in the Central Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior to October 3, 2019 (Mag. Judge Jared Strauss? (Yes or No) No
15. Did this matter involve the participation of or consultation with Magistrate Judge Eduardo I. Sanchez during his tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, which concluded on January 22, 2023? No
16. Did this matter involve the participation of or consultation with now Magistrate Judge Marta Fulgueira Elfenbein during her tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, which concluded on March 5, 2024? No

By: \_\_\_\_\_



BRIAN RALSTON

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

PENALTY SHEET

Defendant's Name: Anwar Hazzi

Case No: 24-cr-80070-Rosenberg/Reinhart

Count#: 1

Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance  
(methamphetamine) (fentanyl)

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A)(viii)

\* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** Life

\* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** 10 years

\* **Max. Supervised Release:** 5 years to life

\* **Max. Fine:** \$10,000,000

\* **Special Assessment:** \$100

Counts #: 2, 3

Distribution of a Controlled Substance (fentanyl) (methamphetamine)

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(viii)

\* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** 40 years

\* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** 5 years

\* **Max. Supervised Release:** 4 years to life

\* **Max. Fine:** \$5,000,000

\* **Special Assessment:** \$100

Counts #: 4-6

Distribution of a Controlled Substance (fentanyl)

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C)

\* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** 20 years

\* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):**

\* **Max. Supervised Release:** 3 years to life

\* **Max. Fine:** \$1,000,000

\* **Special Assessment:** \$100

**\*Refers only to possible term of incarceration, supervised release and fines. It does not include restitution, special assessments, parole terms, or forfeitures that may be applicable.**

Count #: 7

Distribution of a Controlled Substance (fentanyl)

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A)(viii)

- \* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** Life
- \* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** 10 years
- \* **Max. Supervised Release:** 5 years to life
- \* **Max. Fine:** \$10,000,000
- \* **Special Assessment:** \$100

Count #: 8

Possession with Intent to Distribute of a Controlled Substance (fentanyl) (methamphetamine)

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(viii)

- \* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** 40 years
- \* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** 5 years
- \* **Max. Supervised Release:** 4 years to life
- \* **Max. Fine:** \$5,000,000
- \* **Special Assessment:** \$100

Count #: 9

Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)

- \* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** Life (Consecutive)
- \* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** 5 years consecutive to any penalty imposed as to Counts 8 and 11
- \* **Max. Supervised Release:** 5 years
- \* **Max. Fine:** \$250,000
- \* **Special Assessment:** \$100

**\*Refers only to possible term of incarceration, supervised release and fines. It does not include restitution, special assessments, parole terms, or forfeitures that may be applicable.**



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

PENALTY SHEET

Defendant's Name: Darren Michael Stiehler

Case No: 24-cr-80070-Rosenberg/Reinhart

Count #: 1

Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance  
(methamphetamine) (fentanyl)

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A)(viii)

- \* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** Life
- \* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** 10 years
- \* **Max. Supervised Release:** 5 years to life
- \* **Max. Fine:** \$10,000,000
- \* **Special Assessment:** \$100

Count #: 2, 3

Distribution of a Controlled Substance (fentanyl) (methamphetamine)

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(viii)

- \* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** 40 years
- \* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** 5 years
- \* **Max. Supervised Release:** 4 years to life
- \* **Max. Fine:** \$5,000,000
- \* **Special Assessment:** \$100

Counts #: 4-6

Distribution of a Controlled Substance (fentanyl)

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C)

- \* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** 20 years
- \* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):**
- \* **Max. Supervised Release:** 3 years to life
- \* **Max. Fine:** \$1,000,000
- \* **Special Assessment:** \$100

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Count #: 7

Distribution of a Controlled Substance (fentanyl)

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A)(viii)

- \* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** Life
- \* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** 10 years
- \* **Max. Supervised Release:** 5 years to life
- \* **Max. Fine:** \$10,000,000
- \* **Special Assessment:** \$100

Count #: 8

Possession with Intent to Distribute of a Controlled Substance (fentanyl) (methamphetamine)

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(viii)

- \* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** 40 years
- \* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** 5 years
- \* **Max. Supervised Release:** 4 years to life
- \* **Max. Fine:** \$5,000,000
- \* **Special Assessment:** \$100

Counts #: 10, 11

Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance (cocaine)

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(ii)

- \* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** 40 years
- \* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** 5 years
- \* **Max. Supervised Release:** 4 years to life
- \* **Max. Fine:** \$5,000,000
- \* **Special Assessment:** \$100

Counts #: 9, 12

Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)

- \* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** Life (Consecutive)
- \* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** 5 years consecutive to any penalty imposed as to Counts 8 and 11
- \* **Max. Supervised Release:** 5 years
- \* **Max. Fine:** \$250,000
- \* **Special Assessment:** \$100

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